

# HOLIDAY SAFETY LIST



1. Do not buy a dry Christmas tree.
2. Never put a tree near a fireplace or heater.
3. Do not throw any kind of wrapping paper into a fireplace.
4. Never burn your tree in a fireplace.
5. Use caution when using candles.
6. Check Christmas lights before you use them. (Never use lights that have a frayed cord or missing light bulbs)
7. Turn off all Christmas lights prior to leaving your house.
8. Extinguish candles before you leave a room, your home and when you go to bed.
9. Get rid of your Christmas tree, before it becomes brittle or before January 1st.
10. Make sure your Christmas tree has plenty of water and has not been placed too close to a heat source or anything that gives off sparks.
11. Know how to call 9-1-1 or your local seven digit emergency number.
12. Know how to "STOP, DROP and ROLL"
13. Make sure you have smoke detectors. Change the batteries once a year during the month of October when you change your clocks.
14. If you have a fireplace, make sure you have a spark arrestor.
15. Place a screen around your fireplace when it's in use.

**HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY**  
**from the**  
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